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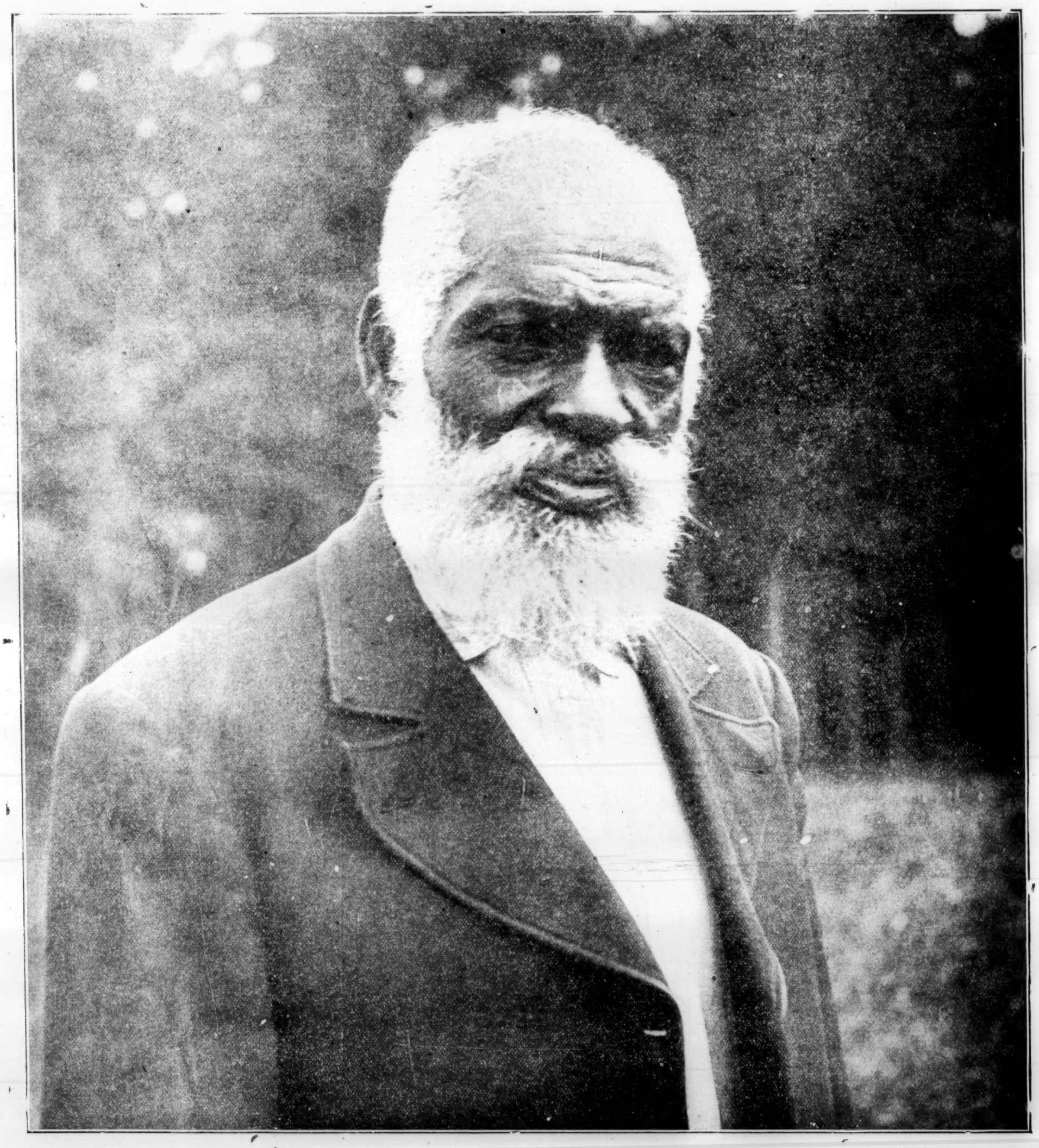

A NEGRO FARMER OF YESTERDAY

OKLAHOMA COLORED FARMERS

(Including The Indian Territory)

There are 20,671 colored farmers in the State.

These farmers work 2,276,711 acres of land.

They own 1,599,655 acres of land.

The value of their property, land and buildings, increased from $14,149,980 in 1900 to $47,221,793 in 1910.

Fifty-three and nine-tenths per cent of the colored farmers in the State own their farms.

Forty-five and nine-tenths per cent of these farmers are tenants.

In 1900, 746,916 acres of the farms worked by colored farmers were improved land; in 1910, 1,172,819 acres were improved.

PRINCIPAL CROPS OF OKLAHOMA

The leading field crops of the State, in the order of their importance, as judged by value, are: Corn, $48,081,000; cotton, $35,399,000; wheat, $13,854,000; hay and forage, $9,639,000; oats, $7,172,000; broom corn, $2,559,000; kafir corn and milo maize, $2,531,00; and potatoes, $1,250,000.

Among the cereals corn exceeds all others in importance, representing more than two-thirds of the total acreage and total value. Wheat ranks second among the cereals, having an acreage about two-tenths as great as corn, and a value about three-tenths as great. Oats, with a much smaller acreage, stands third among the cereals, and kafir corn and milo maize fourth. Cotton ranks next to corn in both acreage and value, its acreage being about one-third as great as that of corn, and the value of the crop nearly three-fourths as great.

Corn is reported by 78 out of every 100 farmers, cotton by 46, hay and forage by 34. potatoes by 24, oats by 17, kafir corn and milo maize by 16, wheat by 12, and broom corn by 5. The largest acreages of corn and oats are in the western part of the State, excluding, however, a few counties along the western border, together with the Panhandle. The wheat acreage is nearly all to the northwest of a line drawn from Tilman County, in the southwestern part of the State, to Delaware County, in the northeastern part. The acreage of hay and forage is more evenly distributed over the State than is that of the cereals. Cotton production predominates in the counties between the Arkansas and Red Rivers.

All the fruits except distinctly tropical fruits and cranberries can be successfully grown in Oklahoma. Especially fine apples and peaches have been produced. Many excellent and productive apple, peach, and pear orchards and vineyards are now to be seen throughout the State. Within eight years after the first settlement of Oklahoma, peaches were being shipped out in carload quantities. Plums and cherries are profitably grown, cherries being now shipped out of the State in carload quantities. Small fruits and berries are grown in nearly all localities. Truck gardening can be made to yield a good profit. The soil seems peculiarly adapted to melons and strawberries, especially watermelons.—Agricultural Opportunities.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Concerning Bermuda Grass in Oklahoma

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5. The nutritive ratio of Bermuda hay varies from 1:3.06 to 1:6.4.

6. Bermuda hay is easily digested and has no equal as a cheap food for cattle. Okla. Exp. Sta. Rpt. 1910.

COLORED BOY, 10, GETS $190 A DAY

Although Ignorant of the Fact, Farm Land Belonging to His Ancestors is Piling Up For Him an Immense Fortune

(Special to The Indianapolis Ledger)

Cushing, Okla., May 6.—(Spl.)—Running wild and irresponsible as a colt, little Dan Tucker, ten, a colored boy, living on a rocky Oklahoma farm of 80 acres, is ignorant of the fact that he is one of the richest boys in Oklahoma.

Little Dan often sings for his supper, but he doesn't have to. The month of March saw deposited to his credit $12,000 and every day he makes not less than $190.

Dan is the son of James and Elizabeth Tucker, children of slaves of the Creek Indians freed by the Civil War.

By virtue of a treaty made between the United States and the Creek Indians at Ft. Smith, Ark., in 1866, slaves formerly belonging to the Creeks, and their descendants, were given an equal share with their former owners in the government allottment of the old Creek lands in the Indian territory.

And that is how Dan Tucker now owns 160 acres of land lying east of Cushing, Oklahoma, in the heart of the newly developed Cushing oil field. The land was allotted to him in a supplementary division made by the government in 1905, and Dan had been enrolled as an eligible by his father.

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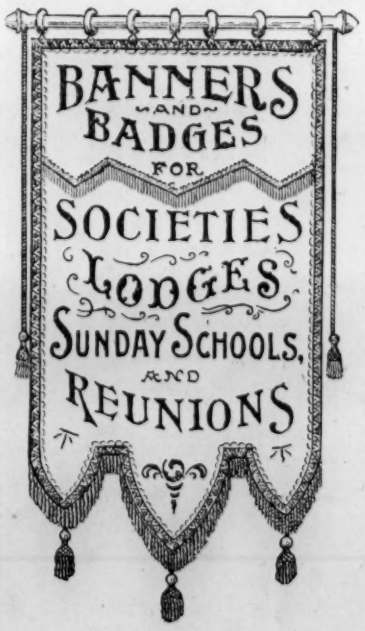

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1914

A WORD TO OKLAHOMA FARMERS

During the period 1900-1910, the proportion of land in farms operated by owners showed a decrease among colored farmers in Oklahoma.

It is not possible to tell exactly what the falling off above indicates. It is very likely, however, that is was due to a practice already condemned in a recent editorial of The Negro Farmer, that is, the practice of attempting to purchase too much land and losing the land already owned.

It is hoped that if this is the case, our farmers will see to it that no more land is bargained for than can be purchased and that land already owned will not be mortgaged to pay for more.

SUMMER WORK

While it is much easier for some one to sit in an office and advise farmers what to do than to do it, farmers will admit that there is especial need to keep busy during the summer. The best way to keep ahead is to get up real early every morning and get enough work done before sunrise to make it possible to spend a few hours in the shade during the hottest part of the day.

NATIONAL NEGRO FARMERS' CONGRESS

The National Negro Farmers' Congress, of which Pres. E. L. Blackshear, of Prairie View A. & M. College, Texas, is President and Prof. P. C. Parks, Director of Agriculture at the A. & M. College of Normal, Alabama, is National Organizer, will meet in Montgomery, Alabama, June 12, 13, 14, 1914.

The meeting is called in the interest of better farming, better business and living among the Negro farm workers of Alabama; and it has the endorsement of Governor O'Neal and prominent colored agriculturists of the State.

AT LEAST ONE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL FOR NEGRO FARMERS OF OKLAHOMA

Without the slightest desire to find fault or complain, The Negro Farmer calls the attention of the big-hearted white people of Oklahoma to the fact that there is but one school in the State where colored pupils can get agricultural training; and that is at the State College for Negroes at Langston.

MORE "FARMING" MATTER

When The Negro Farmer is made larger in July, the paper will contain many more real farming notes than we have been able to publish during the past month.

THE NEGRO FARMER TO BE ENLARGED

Our readers will be glad, we are sure, to know that beginning with the issue of July 4th, The Negro Farmer will be enlarged to twelve pages.

This has been made necessary by the growth of the paper's influence and the increase of the number of advertisers who are using The Negro Farmer to tell the story of their goods. Gradually their advertisements have reduced the reading matter of the paper from six to two and one-half pages; but The Negro Farmer Publishing Company is pleased to be able to give the readers what is due them; and it takes this occasion to thank these friends for being patient and forbearing while the paper gets upon its feet.

AGREEING WITH THE NEGRO FARMER

On March 28, 1914, The Negro Farmer published a front page picture showing "a comparison between the profit from one acre of cotton grown in the ordinary wasteful manner of the average farmer and ten other crops produced in the ordinary manner."

This paper estimated the profit on an acre of cotton so grown by the average farmer to be just about twenty cents. This estimate was so low that some of the paper's best friends thought that a grievous error had been made.

On May 2, 1914, The Progressive Farmer, one of the best known of the farm papers that circulate in the South, published a front-page picture showing the profit from one acre of cotton grown by an average farmer and also by a more progressive farmer and printed over the picture in large letters the question, "Are You Only An Average Farmer?" The Negro Farmer is gratified to note that the Progressive Farmer agrees with the major conclusions of this paper on the subject. The following comparison will show the extent of the agreement:

The Negro Farmer—

Held and proved that the Average Farmer received about 20 cents profit from one acre of cotton.

The Progressive Farmer—

Held and proved the profit to be Nothing.

20c. in profit on an acre of cotton and Nothing are the same

The Negro Farmer—

Showed that it cost about $23.40 to grow an acre of cotton.

The Progressive Farmer—

Showed that it cost about $23.33 to grow an acre of cotton.

The estimates differ by seven cents, only

The Negro Farmer—

Stated that the Average Farmer does farm in the wasteful manner here indicated.

The Progressive Farmer—

Stated that the average cotton yields for the past ten years in the South have been about one-third of a bale per acre, which yields give a profit of Nothing to the acre.

With this evidence submitted, The Negro Farmer rests its case.

WINNERS FROM THE SOIL

COLORED HEROES OF THE FARM

HILLIARD TAYLOR—THE MAN WHO HAS COTTON "ON HIS BRAIN"

In 1911, a colored man started to the depot in Boley, Oklahoma, to take passage on a train for Little Rock, Arkansas, where the National Negro Business League was to hold one of its annual sessions.

Business Before Pleasure

Naturally, the man was looking forward with pleasure to his trip; but suddenly another man driving a team of mules to a wagon on which was loaded a bale of cotton crossed the path and as quick as a wink the traveler forgot his trip, and the Business League delegate became the watchful cotton buyer, and he made a bid for the bale of cotton, closed the trade, and paid the man $4.75 per hundred pounds for the cotton—all because it was the first bale of the season.

A Man Who Has Visions

The colored man was Hilliard Taylor, of Boley, Oklahoma, and the incident above is "just like him," because cotton is on his mind all the time and he'll stop anything to talk cotton. That he has visions is shown by the fact that in reciting the incident above to the Business League, he stated that he meant to handle 2,000 bales of cotton during the year—the bale he bought on the street being the first one and the other 1,999 he would get when he returned to Boley.

Doing as Well as Saying

That Mr. Taylor is not simply a boaster is proven by his record. In 1904 he went to Boley and built a cotton gin. The first year, he handled 186 bales; the second year, 440 bales; the third year, 840 bales; the fourth, 935; the fifth, 1,020; the sixth, 1,298; the seventh, 1,705 bales. With such a record, it is fair to presume that he got the 2,000 bales of which he spoke to the League, in the eighth year.

Strictly in the Business

Mr. Taylor, instead of contenting himself with handling cotton in the local market, as many colored persons would have done, extended his operations so that he might deal with buyers in cotton and manufacturing and cotton exporting centers. He buys the cotton from the farmer, gins it and disposes of the products to manufacturers of cloth and other articles all over the world; or, to use his language, "We buy the cotton in the raw material from the field; I gin it, pack it, throw it in the yard, class it, I sell it—it goes to the highest bidder, and I put the money in my pocket."

Gathering Up the Fragments

This man has learned that the by-products, or the fragments, or "leavings" from an industry are often as valuable as the main products; and, so, he sells the cotton-seed for making cotton-see oil, which is used to oil machinery and to make cottolene, and for a number of other purposes; and the refuse that is left after the oil is "squeezed" out of the seed is used for cotton-seed oil cake and meal, which are sold for cattle feed and fertilizers. The lint that clings to the seed is called "linters" and is sold to make cheap cotton batting, etc. Mr. Taylor "gathers" up these "fragments" and uses them.

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One of our colored exchanges, The Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Virginia, immediately asked for permission to reproduce the picture. This was granted.

The Negro Farmer is pleased to note that the idea conveyed in the picture of a person who by kindness has won the title of friend to a dumb animal has appealed also to some of our white exchanges. On May, 1914, "Farm and Family," published by the Courier-Journal Company of Louisville, Ky., published a front-page picture of a young bull by the side of whom stood a boy with his arm around the animal's neck. A second boy stood on the other side; and beneath the picture were the words—"Bully Good Friends." And on May 15, 1914, still another of our exchanges printed a front-page picture of a child in the midst of a litter of puppies, with arm about the neck of one, and again there was written under the picture the word, "Friends." Last of all, the Christian Endeavor World, on May 21st, published a front-page picture of a calf and a boy—the latter with his arm about the former's neck. Under this was written—"Playmates."

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"The editorial effort under the heading 'When the Children Come Home From School,' is to be commended, especially because of its clearness, simplicity, and constructive commonsense. It ought to, and I believe it will, be widely copied.

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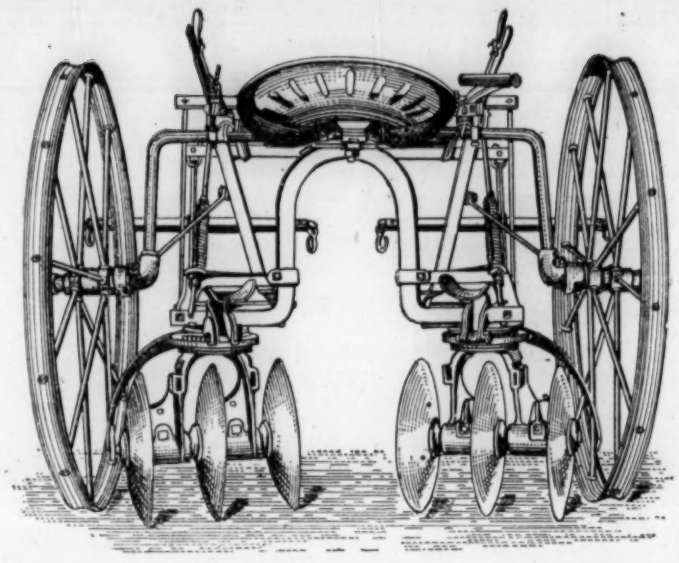

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